

Fire Companies in Lewiston and Rochester Receive Key Funding

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that fire companies in Lewiston and Rochester have been awarded key federal funding as part of a grant program from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Ridge-Culver Fire District is set to receive \$50,259 and the Upper Mountain Fire Company in Lewiston has been awarded \$52,685.

“As the fire companies in Western New York know better than anyone, it is essential that they be fully staffed and have the equipment they need to carry out their lifesaving work,” said Slaughter. “They’ve long battled funding cuts and today I’m pleased that this funding will help keep our communities in Lewiston and Rochester safe.”

Ridge-Culver will put this funding toward their Hose Replacement Project, which will enable them to upgrade larger hoses and replace older, outdated hoses on their fire trucks. This allows them an enhanced level of capability and greater safety measures for their firefighters.

“We have received about 4 grants in the last 18 months totaling close to a half a million dollars. This allows the Ridge-Culver Fire District to provide an enhanced level of service to our customers at no additional cost to the taxpayer,” said Bo Sulyma, Ridge-Culver Fire Department Commissioner.

Upper Mountain Fire Company will use their funding to enhance the company’s advanced life support equipment, as well as various training equipment.

In Fiscal Year 2010, DHS Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will award approximately \$390 million directly to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

Last week Slaughter announced \$252,000 for the Rochester Fire Department as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

She also announced \$91,756 for the Youngstown Fire Department as a part of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program which assists fire departments in hiring additional firefighting personnel.

More on those announcements is available [here](#).